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Woman killed, 3 injured during high-speed chase

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A high-speed chase Sunday left one woman dead, three injured and a tow-truck driver facing possible charges of aggravated vehicular homicide and involuntary manslaughter.

The events began shortly after 6 p.m. when a man driving a tow truck clipped a car on East 173rd Street in Cleveland's Lee-Harvard neighborhood, then fled, police Lt. Thomas Stacho said. Police spotted the truck a short time later, but called off the pursuit after the truck entered Warrensville Heights.

Stacho said the truck driver, identified as Mark Bingham, 37, of Cleveland, apparently turned around and headed back into Cleveland at a high rate of speed. His truck plowed into a white Cadillac at East 157th Street and Miles Road and flipped, trapping Bingham inside. The driver of the Cadillac, who was ejected from the car, died at the scene. A woman passenger in the car was taken to Huron Hospital in East Cleveland.

The force of the crash pushed the Cadillac into a third car, injuring an elderly man who was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center with head injuries. Bingham also was admitted to MetroHealth for head injuries.

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